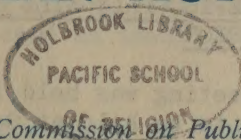


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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT MEETING OF KANSAI-LABOR EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP HELD

On the evening of June 1 the 10th annual report meeting of the Kansai Labor Evangelism Fellowship was held at the Osaka Christian Center. 59 people attended, including members of the Christian Laborer's Council who are actually involved as laborers and other supporting members of the fellowship.

After reports were given by the three full time specialists of the Kansai Laborers' Evangelism Fellowship-Satoshi Hirata, Aimei Kanai and Nobuaki Koyanagi, the newly elected Chairman of the fellowship, Rev. Hiromu Miyoshi led the remainder of the meeting at which Dr. Masao Takenaka of Doshisha Theological Seminary lectured and showed slides on his recent trip to Communist China. His lecture focused on the subject of "The Cultural Revolution in China."

The reports of the three full time workers of the Fellowship centered on the following:

1. Rev. Hirata spoke on the subject of "The Encounter with the Laborer". He stressed the importance of a purposeful encounter between our working partners in order to struggle with them for their liberation and rights as human beings in society. He said that the most purposeful encounter is with the Young Laborers who find themselves confronted by multitudinous problems right at the time when they are going through the important period of the building of their human personalities.

2. Rev. Kanai, who has been living and working in the New Industrial Development at Sakai, gave his report on "The Work with Laborers in the New Industrial Complex".

3. Finally, Rev. Koyanagi, who is a specialist on the Citizens Education Movement (in particular, Laborers' education), said that the matter of Laborers' Education would be given special attention from now on according to the equal rights of citizens under the Constitution and Educational Law.

NIPPON SEI-KO-KAI (ANGLICAN-EPISCOPAL) WILL SPONSOR
A JOINT MEETING ON URBAN MISSION

On July 10 a planning meeting was held for the forthcoming Consultation on The Mission in Urban Society to be held at Gotemba on October 11-13. This meeting will be sponsored by the Nippon Seikokai in cooperation with the Urban Industrial Commission of the National Council of Churches in Japan. Rev. Atsumi Tasaka, Chairman, Rev. Masahiro Tomura, Secretary; and Rev. Stanley Manierre, Director of the NCCJ Commission participated with the Seikokai in the planning session for the October Conference. In October, Suffragan Bishop Paul Moore, Jr. of the Washington Diocese of the Episcopal Church, a specialist on Urban Mission and author of "The Church Reclaims the City," and Dr. A.R. Pepper, Director of the Social Relations Department of the Episcopal Church in America, will be the lecturers. The conference is for the purpose of study of the approach to Urban Mission. All member denominations of the NCCJ are invited to send delegates who are interested in the matter of Urban Mission-both clergy and laity. Topics for the lectures are as follows: "The Church and the Secular World (Theological and Practical aspects); "Changing the cultural life of the church in order to meet the needs of modernman" and "The need for more Ecumenical Action in the City".

"TARGUNG" HELD ON THE MINORITY GROUP
SITUATION IN JAPAN

On July 3-4, under the auspices of the Nippon Christian Academy, a group of 25 people representing the Korean Christian Church in Japan and members of various other Christian groups and churches related to the NCCJ held a "targung" on the social, economic and educational problems which people of minority groups face here in Japan. Mr. Un Shik Lee, the director of The Korean Scholarship Foundation participated as a lecturer and Mr. Chong Myoung Kin, Librarian of the Chosen Daigaku (Korean University in Japan) participated in the discussions. They both represented the North Korean Group residing in Japan.

Putting all ideological matters on the shelf, a very frank and profitable sharing of the actual problems which are confronted by Minority groups in Japan took place. Much emphasis was put on the need to inform the Christian churches in Japan of the actual situation and to elicit the concern and help of the total church in Japan in order to alleviate the unfair and discriminatory practices which exist which are contrary to the respect for the dignity and equal rights of man.

The need for continuing discussion and planning was also stressed and the NCCJ has been asked to act as the coordinating body in the pursuance of this important avenue of Christian witness and Service. Since this is in direct accord with the findings of the Consultation on Mission in Unity which was held at Gotemba in March, 1967 and passed by the 20th General Assembly of the NCCJ, the NCCJ is in the process of establishing a special organ to deal with the matter of Minority Groups in Japan as a Joint Action in Mission Project.

MEETING FOR DISCUSSION OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE NCCJ

On July 17 a meeting of 50 representatives from NCCJ related member -churches and institutions will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Meguro Miyakoso to discuss the matter of the restructuring of the NCCJ into a Council of Churches. In accordance with the findings of the Gotemba Consultation on Mission in Unity and the action of the 20th General Assembly of the NCCJ, it will be the purpose of this meeting to explore the best possible structure for the witness of the NCCJ in this Ecumenical Age in light of the conditions peculiar to Japan. It is hoped that this meeting will serve as a real springboard for further serious discussions on this important matter leading to definite agreement on a structure

which will better enable the member groups, churches and institutions of the NCCJ to more effectively serve the churches in their cooperative witness for Christ in the total society of Japan.

NCCJ GENERAL SECRETARY LEAVES FOR WCC MEETINGS

On July 20th, Dr. Chuzo Yamada, General Secretary of the NCCJ will leave Tokyo for attendance at the meetings of the World Council Division on World Mission and Evangelism to be held at Geneva, and the meetings of the Central Committee of the WCC to prepare for the 1968 Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held at Uppsala, Sweden.

Due to the deepening relations of the German churches with the NCCJ Dr. Yamada has been asked to include in his itinerary a week of visits and consultations to the church headquarters and mission societies throughout Germany.

On his return trip he will visit and talk with leaders who were responsible for the arranging of the Ecumenical Witness at the Montreal World's Fair as a source of information for the planning of the making of an Ecumenical Witness at the World's Fair of 1970 to be held at Osaka, Japan. The NCCJ has been asked to serve as Coordinator in this Joint Action for Mission Project.

Dr. Yamada will return to Japan on September 5.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "PEACE IN ASIA"

On October 24-28 an International Seminar will be held on Peace in Asia under the auspices of the Preparatory Committee for the International Seminar on Peace in Asia. On October 24-26 a group of specialists on this matter of peace from France, West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Russia, United States, Uruguay, Madagascar and India and Japan will meet at Oiso Christian Academy House to consult on this problem. The representatives from other countries will largely be people who have responsibility in Government or in other official positions of responsibility in Society. It was felt that it is necessary for the people focusing on matters which affect the total peace of the world such as Vietnam and Communist China, to study them on Asian soil rather than in the West. On October 27-28, the conference will be held at the Tokyo YMCA. These meetings will be open to the public. On the final day, there will be a mass public meeting at which a lecture will be given on a subject related to the findings of this International Seminar. Some well known figure will speak at that time.

The Preparatory Committee for this Seminar is composed of: Dr. Isamu Omura, Chairman of the NCCJ; Administrative Secretary Dr. Keiji Ogawa, Professor of Tokyo Women's Christian College; and Treasurer, Rev. Kazuhiko Kato of The Nippon Baptists Domei (Japan Baptist Union), Groups in Japan cooperating and giving their moral support to this Seminar are: The YMCA, The YWCA, Nippon Christian Academy; The Greek Orthodox Church; and the member churches of the National Christian Council of Japan.

EACC CONSULTATION ON CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The tentative outline of the First Asian Conference on Church and Society has been set up and scheduled to be held on October 10-16 at the Seoul Academy House in Korea. For some time it has been the feeling of the EACC that such a conference in Asia is needed. The Conference will not merely deal with the issues which arose at the WCC Conference on Church and Society held in Geneva in July, 1966. It is the stated purpose of this conference to deal with issues which

are truly Asian in character. The theme of the Conference is "Modernization of Asian Societies". The term modernization is not to be used as a catch word but as a word which describes the total scene in Asia today. The aim of the conference is to broaden the concept to include not only modernization in respect to the economical, political, social and cultural fields but also to show how they are inter-related and how nations have developed with respect to (1) indigenization (2) the manner of adaptation of western democracy, (3) the problem of retaining community in light of the trend toward individualisation, etc.

The following delegates from Japan will participate: Professor Kiyoko Takeda Cho of ICU and Professor Mikio Sumiya, of Rikkyo University who will also serve in the capacity of advisors; Professor Kikuo Yamaoka of Waseda University; Rev. Sachio Hosuyama of Tokyo Lutheran Church and Rev. Kan'ichi Nishimura, member of the House of Councillors. Also attending the Conference as an observer will be: Rev. L. Stanley Manierre, Associate General Secretary of the NCCJ.

NINETY-SIX YEAR OLD MISSIONARY OF JAPAN DIES

The Rev. Ulysses Grant Murphy, 97, retired Methodist Missionary who officially won recognition for his endeavours for the public welfare of women which led to the enactment of the law passed ten years ago to abolish prostitution, died at his home in Seattle, Washington.